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Vernon A. Williams, Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
Case Control Unit, Suite 713
1925 K Street, N.W.
Washington, DC 20423-0001

Re: STB Docket No. AB-868 (Sub-No. 1X), *Mississippi Tennessee Holdings, LLC -- Abandonment Exemption -- in Hardeman County, TN and Tippah and Union Counties, MS*

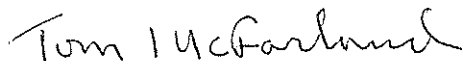
STB Docket No. AB-869 (Sub-No. 1X), *Mississippi Tennessee Railroad, LLC -- Discontinuance of Service Exemption -- in Hardeman County, TN and Tippah and Union Counties, MS*

Dear Mr. Williams:

Please refer to the Verified Notice of Exemptions in the above proceedings, filed on September 8, 2006.

Hereby transmitted is a copy of proof of publication of the Notice in the New Albany (Mississippi) Gazette on September 1, 2006. This proof of publication was received after the Notice was filed at the Board. Please consider the proof of publication as part of the Notice.

Very truly yours,



Thomas F. McFarland
Attorney for Applicants

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cc: Mr. Barry McClure, *w/proof of publication*

Proof of Publication

State of Mississippi,
County of Union

PERSONALLY APPEARED before me, the undersigned, a notary public in and for UNION County.

NOTICE OF INTENT TO
ABANDON RAIL LINE
AND DISCONTINUE RAIL
SERVICE

MISSISSIPPI TENNESSEE
HOLDINGS, LLC (MTH) and
MISSISSIPPI TENNESSEE
RAILROAD, LLC (MTRR) give
notice that on or about
September 8, 2006 they intend
to file with the Surface
Transportation Board,
Washington, DC 20423: Notices
for Exemption under 49 C.F.R.
1152 for (A) abandonment by
MTH of: (1) its rail line between
Milepost 367.5, which is located
approximately 25 feet north of
the centerline of Thyron
Krump plant entry road in
Middleton, Hardeman County,
Tennessee, and Milepost 348.1,
which is located approximately
1,663 feet north of the center-
line of Industrial Park Road at
the northern end of Ripley,
Tippah County, Mississippi, a
distance of approximately 19.4
miles; and (2) between Milepost
325.56, which is located approx-
imately 25 feet north of the
BNSF diamond in New Albany,
Union County, Mississippi, and
Milepost 324.2, which is located
approximately one-quarter of a
mile south of Interstate high-
way 78 in Union County,
Mississippi, a distance of
approximately 1.36 miles and
(B) discontinuance of rail ser-
vice by MTRR. The Rail Line
traverses through United States
Postal Zip Codes 38052, 38652
and 38663 in Hardeman
County, TN and Tippah and
Union Counties, MS. The pro-
ceedings have been docketed as
STB Docket No. AB-868 (Sub-
No. 1X) as to the proposed
exemption for abandonment by
MTH, and STB Docket No. AB-
869 (Sub-No. 1X) as to the pro-
posed exemption for discontinu-
ance of rail service by MTRR.

The Board's Section of
Environmental Analysis (SEA)
will generally prepare an
Environmental Assessment
(EA), which will normally be
available 25 days after the filing
of the notice for abandonment
exemption. Comments on envi-
ronmental and energy matters
should be filed no later than 15
days after the EA becomes
available to the public and will
be addressed in a Board deci-
sion. Interested persons may
obtain a copy of the EA or make
inquiries regarding environ-
mental matters by writing to
SEA, Surface Transportation
Board, Washington, DC 20423
or by calling SEA at 202-565-
6211.

Appropriate offers of finan-
cial assistance to continue rail
service can be filed with the
Board. Requests for environ-
mental conditions, public use
conditions, or rail banking/trails
use also can be filed with the
Board. An original and 10
copies of any pleading that raises
matters other than environ-
mental issues (such as trails
use, public use, and offers of
financial assistance) must be
filed directly with the Board's
Office of the Secretary, 1925 K
Street, N.W., Washington, DC
20423 (See 49 C.F.R. 1104.1(a)
and 1104.3(a)), and one copy
must be served on applicant's
representative (See 49 C.F.R.
1104.12(a)). Questions regard-
ing offers of financial assis-
tance, public use or trails use
may be directed to the Board's
Office of Congressional and
Public Services at 202-565-
1592. Copies of any comments
or requests for conditions
should be served on the appli-
cant's representative, Thomas F.
McFarland, Thomas F.
McFarland, P.C., 208 South
LaSalle Street, Suite 1890,
Chicago, IL 60604-1112.

Mississippi, the Clerk of The New Albany Gazette, a
newspaper published in the City of New Albany, Union County, in said
state, who, being duly sworn, deposes and says that the NEW ALBANY
GAZETTE is a newspaper as defined and prescribed in Senate Bill No.
203 enacted at the regular session of the Mississippi Legislature of
1948, amending Section 1858, of the Mississippi Code of 1942, and
that the publication of a notice, of which the annexed is a copy, in

the matter of Cause No. _____

has been made in said newspaper _____ times consecutively,
to-wit:

On the 1 day of September, 2006

On the _____ day of _____, 20____

On the _____ day of _____, 20____

On the _____ day of _____, 20____

I before me, this

me, 2006

Notary Public

Title

Donley Swinford - Clerk

account.

THE NEW ALBANY GAZETTE

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New Albany, Miss., _____, 20____

To THE NEW ALBANY GAZETTE Dr.

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Cause No. _____

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